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SUBJECT: TRAVEL PLANS - FY '78 REQUESTS

1. PLEASE EXCUSE OUR DELINQUENCY; HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING REFLECTS A MUCH MORE REALISTIC OUTLOOK CONCERNING THE FINANCES OF TRAVEL IN CENTRAL AFRICA. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT OUR ALLOCATION CAN BE ADJUSTED IN ORDER TO AGREE MORE FAVORABLY WITH OUR FISCAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. FUNDING TO ENCOMPASS OUR THREE NEWLY-ACQUIRED POSTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE DRASIC DIFFERENCE IN PREVIOUS YEAR REQUESTS AS WELL AS THE APPARENTLY UNCONTROLLABLE INFLATIONARY SPIRAL HERE.

3. QUARTERLY RATES:

1ST QTR. - TRAVEL PLANS:

4 TRIPS TO BRAZZAVILLE - 2 DAYS EACH

PER DIEM - DOLS 70/PER

TRAVEL FARE - DOLS 40/ROUND TRIP

TOTAL - DOLS 180/PER X 4 EQUALS DOLS 720

1 TRIP TO LUBUMBASHI - 4 DAYS - 3 NIGHTS

PER DIEM - DOLS 80/PER

TRAVEL FARE - DOLS 265.30 ROUND TRIP

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TOTAL - DOLS 585.30

1 TRIP TO KISANGANI - 2 DAYS - 1 NIGHT

PER DIEM - DOLS 60/PER

TRAVEL FARE - DOLS 341.30 ROUND TRIP

TOTAL - DOLS 461.30

1 TRIP TO BUKAVU - 2 DAYS - 1 NIGHT  
PER DIEM - DOLS 34/PER  
TRAVEL FARE TO BUJUMBURA, DRIVE TO BUKAVU - DOLS 500.00

1 TRIP TO BANGUI - 5 DAYS - 4 NIGHTS  
PER DIEM - DOLS 44/PER  
TRAVEL FARE - DOLS 527.60 ROUND TRIP  
TOTAL - DOLS 747.60

1 TRIP TO N'DJAMENA - 5 DAYS - 4 NIGHTS  
PER DIEM - DOLS 44 PER  
TRAVEL FARE - DOLS 298.90 ROUND TRIP  
TOTAL - DOLS 518.90

1 TRIP TO DOUALA/YAOUNDE - 6 DAYS - 5 NIGHTS  
PER DIEM - DOLS 51/PER  
TRAVEL FARE - DOLS 435.70  
TOTAL - DOLS 741.70

1 TRIP TO LIBREVILLE - 5 DAYS - 4 NIGHTS  
PER DIEM - DOLS 70/PER  
TRAVEL FARE - DOLS 297.70 ROUND TRIP  
TOTAL - DOLS 647.70  
TOTAL - 1ST QUARTER: DOLS 5100.00  
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2ND QTR.  
REPEAT OF 1ST QTR. SCHEDULE  
TOTAL - DOLS 5100.00  
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3RD QTR.  
REPEAT OF 1ST QTR. SCHEDULE  
TOTAL - DOLS 5100.00  
(INCLUDES 1 PERCENT FOR ERROR)

4TH QTR.  
1 TRIP TO BRAZZAVILLE. REST OF SCHEDULE WOULD BE AS OTHER  
QUARTERS.  
TOTAL - DOLS 5000.00  
(INCLUDES 1.5 PERCENT FOR ERROR)  
TOTAL FOR FY '78 EQUALS DOLS 23,000.00.

4. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT WHAT HAS BEEN STATED AND REQUESTED WOULD BE  
UNDER IDEAL CIRCUMSTANCES. BUT, THE FREQUENT DELAYS IN AIR TRAVEL  
AMONGST OTHER INTERRUPTIONS IN THIS AREA MAY RESULT IN EXCEEDING  
THOSE COSTS OUTLINED DUE TO THE RSO BEING PHYSICALLY STUCK IN ONE  
LOCATION FOR AN ADDITIONAL WEEK DUE TO ALL FLIGHTS BEING CANCELLED.

SUCH HAS OCCURRED WITH RSO SARGENT IN THE PAST.

5. ANOTHER POINT OF NOTE IS THAT WITH THE OPENING OF BRAZZAVILLE WE HAVE ALREADY TRAVELED TO THAT COUNTRY SEVERAL TIMES. IT IS EXTREMELY LIKELY THAT SUCH ACTIVITY WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE POST IS ON ITS OWN. THEREFORE, YOU WILL NOTE THAT WE HAVE ALLOTTED FOR SEVERAL TRIPS. I DO NOT FEEL THAT I HAVE OVER-ESTIMATED; RATHER THAT I HAVE PRESENTED AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF WHAT WILL PROBABLY OCCUR FISCALLY.

6. YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER WILL BE APPRECIATED. I AM AWARE OF BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS, YET I MUST ALSO PRESENT TO YOU AN ACCURATE PICTURE.

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